

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

- 1 1 (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product
2 consisting essentially of a mouthpiece and a holder each of which consists
3 of a single piece of molded plastic, and two resilient rings [:],
4 a) wherein[a] the mouthpiece ~~hasv~~ing an inside surface and an
5 outside surface, ~~comprising~~ and of a first end defining a receptacle
6 therein and a second end ~~comprising~~ having an outside surface
7 capable of being grasped in a smoker's mouth and defining an
8 outlet chamber within the mouthpiece, ~~wherein said mouthpiece~~
9 ~~consists of a single piece of molded plastic ;~~
10 b) ~~a holder wherein[,]~~ the holder ~~being~~ is directly inserted into the
11 receptacle in the mouthpiece, the holder having the following
12 molded features ~~consisting essentially of:~~
13 i) a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an
14 inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco
15 product in place and allowing a volume for collection of
16 combustion products therein, the first section having an
17 outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the
18 receptacle in the mouth piece,
19 ii) a second section in series with the first section and having
20 an inside and an outside surface, the second section
21 contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and
22 defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
23 iii) a first annular support and a second annular support molded
24 on the outside surface of the second section, each annular
25 support being capable of holding [a] one of the resilient
26 rings thereon, and

27 iv) an annular baffle molded on the outside surface of the
28 second section between the first annular support and the
29 second annular support;
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31 c) ~~two resilient rings,~~ wherein one resilient ring is supported on each
32 annular support, ~~wherein~~ and the mouthpiece and the holder are
33 contoured such that when the holder is inserted into the
34 mouthpiece the two resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner
35 surface of the mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them
36 in the annular space between the outside surface of the second
37 section and the inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the
38 holder defines two restricted passages from the inside chamber to
39 the sealed chamber, said two restricted passages being directed
40 towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the two
41 annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit
42 passage having two inlets between the baffle and the second
43 annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the
44 mouthpiece;
45 ~~d) — wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic and~~
46 d) wherein said holder also has a barrier molded in series with the
47 inside chamber such that combustion products can only pass
48 between the inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path
49 through the two restricted passages, the sealed chamber and the
50 exit passage in sequence.
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1 2 (cancelled)

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

- 1 4 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigarette with an integral filter.
- 1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a
2 cigar.
- 1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim 1 wherein the resilient rings are
2 o-rings.
- 1 7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.
- 1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular
3 to the central plane is circular.
- 1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.
- 1 10 (cancelled)
- 1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and
4 the outlet chamber.
- 1 12 (Cancelled)
- 1 13 (Cancelled).

14- 18 (Cancelled)